GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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BIRDS AROUND AIRPORTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the areas around many airports are crowded with birds;

(b) whether there is any proposal to use Global Positioning System (GPS) for making safe approaches for landing;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time by which the said system is likely to be installed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Airports Authority of India (AAI) in collaboration with Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) is working on a Global Positioning System (GPS) Aided GEO Augmented Navigation (GAGAN) project to provide seamless navigation over Indian Airspace including oceanic region which when implemented will provide precision/ near precision approaches at all airports in India with requisite accuracy, reliability and integrity.

(d) The Technological Demonstration System (TDS), a part of the project is expected to be ready by June, 2006.